

Chapter 9: Statics \rightarrow Dynamics.

Statics $H\psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$

$$\frac{p^2}{2m} + \underline{V(\vec{r})} \leftarrow \text{static.}$$

Solution: $\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \psi(\vec{r}) e^{-iEt/\hbar}$

$$|\psi(\vec{r}, t)|^2 = \underbrace{|\psi(\vec{r})|^2}_{\text{time independent}}$$

time independent.

How to start describing time dependence?

① Initial state not a pure eigen state... eg, 2-state system

$$H^0 |\psi_a\rangle = E_a |\psi_a\rangle \quad H^0 |\psi_b\rangle = E_b |\psi_b\rangle$$

$(E_a \neq E_b)$

$$t=0 \quad |\psi(0)\rangle = c_a |\psi_a\rangle + c_b |\psi_b\rangle \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} c_a, \\ c_b \text{ real} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$c_a^2 + c_b^2 = 1$$

$$t \neq 0 \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = c_a e^{-\frac{iE_a t}{\hbar}} |\psi_a\rangle + c_b e^{-\frac{iE_b t}{\hbar}} |\psi_b\rangle$$

actually, still little time dependence

$\langle \Psi(t) | \Psi(t) \rangle \rightarrow$ key point is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi_a | \Psi_b \rangle &= \delta_{ab} \\ &= c_a^2 + c_b^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \Psi_a | \Psi(t) \rangle = \underbrace{c_a e^{-iE_a t/\hbar}}_{\text{magnitude}} \quad \text{time independent.}$$

phases hard to measure.

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Sometimes

measurement

apparatus responds to ...

$$\alpha |\Psi_a\rangle + \beta |\Psi_b\rangle$$

Most famous example.

"neutrino mixing"

charged leptons
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detectors respond to $\nu_e \leftrightarrow e^-$

$\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \mu^-$

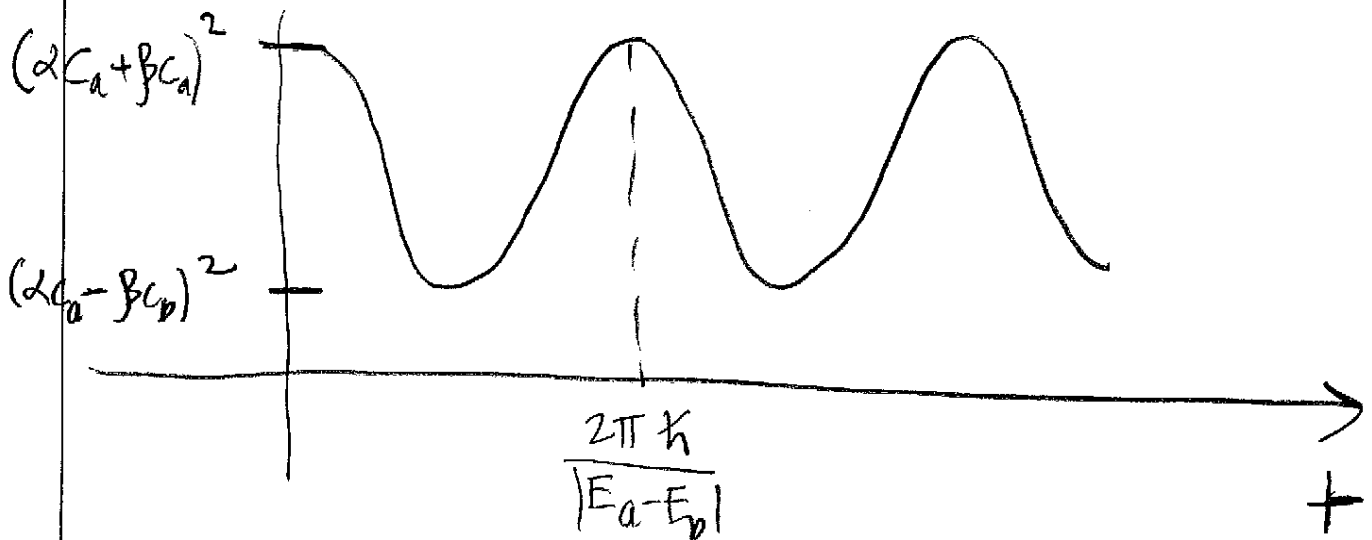
Eigenstates of H are not ψ_e, ψ_o ,
but called ψ_1, ψ_2

$$\psi_e = \alpha |\psi_a\rangle + \beta |\psi_b\rangle \quad \alpha, \beta \text{ real}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_e | \psi(t) \rangle &= [\alpha \langle \psi_a | + \beta \langle \psi_b |] \left[c_a e^{-\frac{iE_a t}{\hbar}} |\psi_a\rangle + c_b e^{-\frac{iE_b t}{\hbar}} |\psi_b\rangle \right] \\ &= \alpha c_a e^{-\frac{iE_a t}{\hbar}} + \beta c_b e^{-\frac{iE_b t}{\hbar}} \end{aligned}$$

$$|\langle \psi_e | \psi(t) \rangle|^2$$

$$= \alpha^2 c_a^2 + \beta^2 c_b^2 + 2\alpha\beta c_a c_b \underbrace{\text{Re} \left[e^{i(E_a - E_b)t/\hbar} \right]}_{\substack{\text{bounces} \\ \text{between} \\ +1 \text{ \& } -1}}$$



Back to Book : Introduce time-d pertub.

$$H|\psi\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle$$

$$H = H^0 + H'(t)$$

best to visualize in 2d representation

$$H^0 + H'(t) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} E_a & 0 \\ 0 & E_b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} H'_{aa} & H'_{ab} \\ H'_{ba} & H'_{bb} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H'_{ba} = H'^{*}_{ab}$$

$$c_a e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} |\psi_a\rangle + c_b e^{-iE_b t/\hbar} |\psi_b\rangle \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_a e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} \\ c_b e^{-iE_b t/\hbar} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \underbrace{\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} E_a & 0 \\ 0 & E_b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} H'_{aa} & H'_{ab} \\ H'_{ba} & H'_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \right\}}_{H^0 + H'(t)} \begin{bmatrix} c_a e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} \\ c_b e^{-iE_b t/\hbar} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{LHS}}} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} E_a c_a e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} \\ E_b c_b e^{-iE_b t/\hbar} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} H'_{aa} & H'_{ab} \\ H'_{ba} & H'_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_a e^{-iE_a t/\hbar} \\ c_b e^{-iE_b t/\hbar} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

might depend on time!

RHS

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle \rightarrow i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} c_a e^{-iE_a/\hbar t} \\ c_b e^{-iE_b/\hbar t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$c_a + c_b$ might be time dependent!

$$= \begin{bmatrix} i\hbar \dot{c}_a e^{-iE_a/\hbar t} + E_a c_a e^{-iE_a/\hbar t} \\ i\hbar \dot{c}_b e^{-iE_b/\hbar t} + E_b c_b e^{-iE_b/\hbar t} \end{bmatrix}$$

CANCELS!

NOW BE CAREFUL

$$\begin{bmatrix} H'_{aa} & H'_{ab} \\ H'_{ba} & H'_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_a e^{-iE_a/\hbar t} \\ c_b e^{-iE_b/\hbar t} \end{bmatrix} = i\hbar \begin{bmatrix} \dot{c}_a e^{-iE_a/\hbar t} \\ \dot{c}_b e^{-iE_b/\hbar t} \end{bmatrix}$$

think of this as driven by